

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 24, 1996. Applicant has changed the drawings to conform to the drawing changes already approved by the Examiner and to comply with the drawing formalities outlined in Form PTO 948. In particular, Applicant has changed Figs. 2a-i to Fig. 2A, Fig. 2B, Fig. 2C...Fig. 2I, and has changed Figs. 3a-d to Fig. 3A, Fig. 3B, Fig. 3C, and Fig. 3D.

To be consistent in describing Figs. 2A-2I, and Figs. 3A-3D, as changed, Applicant has also amended the wording in the Brief Description of the Drawings to include a brief description to each figure. For example, Fig. 2A illustrates..., and Fig. 2B illustrates..., etc.

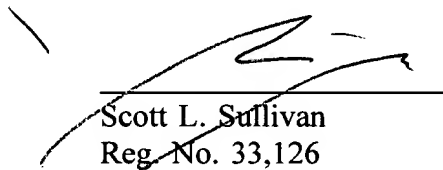
Applicant has only recently noticed three typographical errors in the specification and has deleted them to improve the readability of the application. The typographical errors are simple references to particular art references from a list of art references that have been incorporate by reference in the patent application. In each case, these references refer to an incorrect page and are considered unnecessary to understanding the invention, and have therefore been deleted.

The above Amendment conforms the specification with the approved new drawing figures and corrects typographical errors that were only recently discovered. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above Amendment be entered and the application be passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a further Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone indicated below.

No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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